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In order to comply with discretionary rules 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the documents listed thereon. This document contains information in which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to issue a patent in the instant application.

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Also attached is a copy of the European Search Report dated February 26, 2004 from the corresponding European Patent Application. All of the documents listed in Form PTO-1449 appear in the European Search Report. The European Search Report explains the relevancy of the documents listed in the Form PTO-1449.

For documents written in a language other than English, English language abstracts are

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37

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determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104 (a), and in the course of such search

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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